

Audit Committee

29 February 2016

Co-opted Members to the Audit Committee



Report of Don McLure, Corporate Director Resources

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To advise the Committee that it will be the last meeting for the two co-opted members on the Committee following 9 years of service, and of the process of appointment of two new co-opted members.

Background

- 2 On 10 December 2007 the Audit Committee agreed to appoint two co-opted non-voting members to the Audit Committee for a three year fixed contract. The co-options accorded with CIPFA's "Audit Committees: practical guidance for local authorities". Following an advert in the press inviting applications, prospective candidates were interviewed, and Tom Hoban and Kathryn Larkin-Bramley were appointed as the two co-opted Members.
- 3 Their appointments were due to expire on 28 February 2011, however Council agreed extensions to their contracts up to 30 April 2016. On the basis of both Tom Hoban and Kathryn Larkin-Bramley appointments ending on 30 April 2016, the process of seeking to appoint two new co-opted members should now be undertaken.
- 4 Full Council agreement is sought on the appointment process for recruitment for two new non-voting members at their meeting on 24 February 2016. An advert will be placed in the press and on the council's website. Council is asked to agree the delegation of the appointments to the Corporate Director, Resources in consultation the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Audit Committee. Council will also consider a process for filling any subsequent vacancies that may arise within the two new appointees' three year term of office. An update following the council meeting will be provided at the meeting.

Recommendation

- 5 To note that the Council agree to make two new appointments of non-voting co-opted members to the Committee for a three year period commencing on 1 May 2016, and of the recruitment process agreed by Council.

- 4 To place on record the excellent service and contribution of Tom Hoban and Kathryn Larkin-Bramley during their 9 years' service as co-opted members to the Audit Committee.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance- Travelling and subsistence costs of the successful applicants in attending meetings/ training events of the Audit Committee will be paid. Advertising and printing costs can be met from within existing budgets.

Staffing- None specific in this report

Risk- None specific in this report

Equality and Diversity/ Public Sector Equality Duty-

A recruitment process would be carried out in accordance with the Council's recruitment procedure.

Accommodation- None specific in this report

Crime and disorder- None specific in this report

Human rights- None specific in this report

Risk- None specific in this report

Consultation- None specific in this report

Procurement- None specific in this report

Disability Issues- A recruitment process would be carried out in accordance with the Council's recruitment procedure.

Legal Implications- None specific in this report